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Subject: Request for DAT call

DAT:

During the DAT conference call on December 15, 1999, there was a recommendation by the fishery agencies to close the gates 2 days prior to increasing exports beyond 4,100 cfs. As you may be aware, the USBR is planning to increase exports upon completion of the current two-week period of export reductions. Therefore, the gates would need to be closed tomorrow based on the recommendation. As you are also likely aware, salinity conditions at this time in the interior/southern Delta are beyond the levels we would feel comfortable in closing the gates. They are likely to improve as we increase exports, but they will NOT achieve those objectives by tomorrow.

I am requesting the DAT hold a conference call tomorrow to discuss operations beyond Wednesday.